

West Nile Virus Pages from the
Microbiology Client Services Manual

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Utah Department of Health

MICROBIOLOGY CLIENT SERVICES MANUAL

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

CONTACT US:

ADDRESS, PHONE, FAX, and WEBSITE

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REPORTING:

You must supply your correct Customer ID Code to receive test results.

Some mail services and couriers are taking a week or more to get your samples to us.

If you are having problems with turn around time for results, check your delivery method.

See individual test for specific reporting criteria and methods.

REQUISITIONS:

Blank request forms with your customer ID code are available from Technical Services
(also see Appendix B for blank forms WITHOUT the customer ID).

All information must be provided. Incomplete requisitions cannot be processed.

SPECIMEN LABELING: See individual requirements under specific test.

*****NOTE: Specimen containers from the State of Utah Public Health Lab have an outdate printed on the label. Do not collect any sample in an outdated container.**

Call Technical Services at 801-584-8204 for a new container.

We do not supply blood collection tubes.

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LAB TEST – Molecular Biology Section

TEST	West Nile Virus (Human) IgM ELISA
METHOD	Enzyme Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA)
AVAILABLE	Prior to submitting specimen, contact UDOH Epidemiology at (801)538-6191.
PATIENT PREP	Symptoms, vaccinations, and travel history
SPECIMEN	Serum or cerebrospinal fluid
COLLECT IN	N/A
PROCESSING	Serum: refrigerate (freeze if transport delayed) CSF: refrigerate if transport delayed
TRANSPORT	Serum: refrigerate during transport (freeze if transport delayed) CSF: refrigerate if transport delayed
TIME CRITICAL	Within 12 hrs of collection
LABEL	Patient's full name or unique ID number, date of collection, and date of onset of symptoms
REQUISITION	Molecular Biology Test Request Form (see form in Appendix B)
TEST COMPLETE	72 hrs after receipt in our lab
RESULTS	Flavivirus antibody detected by ELISA/flavivirus not detected by ELISA
REPORTED	Phone, fax, or email, as established with provider
NOTE	If initial serum specimen was collected within 9 days of onset of symptoms, a convalescent serum will be requested for IgM negative tests. St.Louis Encephalitis ELISA will be performed on positive IgM specimens to determine flavivirus specificity.
CONTACT	(801)584-8449: June Pounder

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TEST	West Nile Virus, St. Louis Encephalitis Virus, or Western Equine Encephalitis Virus
METHOD	Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)
AVAILABLE	Contact Michelle Korth at (801)538-6191 or Kris Fehlberg at (801) 538-4767 for submitting avian oral swabs and dead bird reports.
PATIENT PREP	N/A
SPECIMEN	Mosquitoes = 10-50 insects, available Mosquito Abatement Districts. Avian oral swabs. Bird or horse tissues = 1 cubic centimeter brain, spleen, or heart .
COLLECT IN	Mosquitoes = tubes from Mosquito Abatement District. Swabs = Ziploc bags; outer bag must be clean. Tissue = sterile, leak proof container.
PROCESSING	Keep mosquitoes and tissue samples at 2 - 8 degrees C. Avian oral swabs at ambient temperature.
TRANSPORT	On wet ice or in mailer
TIME CRITICAL	Within 48 hrs of collection
LABEL	Location and date of collection. Species of source animal.
REQUISITION	Molecular Biology Test Request Form (see form in Appendix B)
TEST COMPLETE	48 hrs after receipt in our lab
RESULTS	Virus detected by PCR; virus not detected by PCR
REPORTED	Mail, e-mail, or fax, as established with provider
NOTE	N/A
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